

legislation, are to be based upon "reasonable and uniform considerations of capital costs to be incurred by the city or town as a result of new construction. The facility fee must bear a direct relationship to additional or expanded public capital costs of the community service facilities to be rendered for the inhabitants, occupants of the new construction, or those associated with the development process."

2. Enact a bond issue to fund street improvements.
3. Continue to work with NCDOT to have local projects included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

** Local projects would include the long range Western Bypass and the Franklin Street extension.*

4. Consider the possibility of specific projects qualifying for federal demonstration project funds.
5. Adopt a collector street plan that would assess buyer or property owners for street improvement.

Project Development

Once a project is identified on the mutually adopted Thoroughfare Plan, the next step for projects anticipated to be implemented with State and Federal Funds is for the municipality to present it as a request at the North Carolina Board of Transportation Public Hearings for updating the Transportation Improvement Program. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a seven-year programming document that lists all transportation projects which NCDOT anticipates spending funds on during the designated time period.

Every year the TIP is updated by the Board of Transportation. As part of the updating process, public hearings are held throughout the State. Representatives from Counties and Municipalities attend the public hearing in their area and present their "request lists." This list is compiled from the recommendations contained within their Thoroughfare Plan. After all the public hearings have been held, the Board of Transportation convenes to deliberate the merits and costs of all the requested projects. Since the TIP is a financially constrained document, the total costs of all the projects must not exceed expected revenues over the seven-year period. Therefore, not all requested projects can be included in the TIP.

Figure 5 shows a flowchart detailing the annual process for updating the TIP. As can be seen from the chart, the public hearings are held in the Fall. To obtain information on the date and location of the public hearing for your area, call the NCDOT Program Development Branch at (919) 733-2039. In areas designated by the U.S. Census Bureau as urbanized, that is 50,000 or